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Group Art Unit 1637

In re

Patent Application of

Craig E. Smith, et al.

Application No. 10/041,890

Confirmation No.: 5555

Filed: January 7, 2002

Examiner: Calamita, Heather

"METHODS AND KITS FOR ISOLATING
BIOLOGICAL TARGET MATERIALS
USING SILICA MAGNETIC PARTICLES"

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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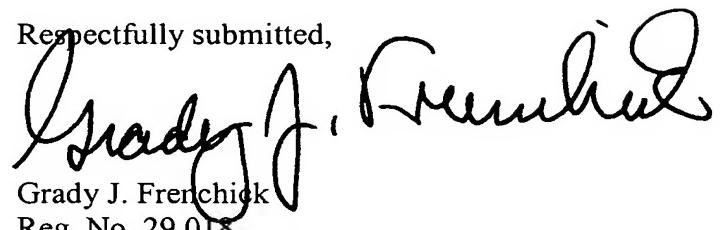
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.

I, Leslie Rector, hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date of my signature.

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